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**Livestock Inventory Numbers, Record Highs and Lows**

Species	Estimates Began	Record	Inventory Number	Date 1/
<b>All cattle and calves</b>	1867	High	2,680,000	January 1, 1975
		Low	371,000	January 1, 1867
<b>Milk cows that have calved 2/</b>	1867	High	536,000	January 1, 1943
		Low	26,000	January 1, 2005
<b>All hogs</b>	1867	High	1,640,000	December 1, 1895
		Low	218,000	December 1, 1965
<b>Stock sheep and lambs 3/</b>	1867	High	280,000	January 1, 1879
		Low	4,900	January 1, 1978
<b>All chickens</b>	1924	High	27,450,000	December 1, 1980
		Low	4,488,000	January 1, 1958
<b>Commercial broilers 4/</b>	1934	High	1,262,131,000	2003
		Low	1,500,000	1934
<b>Catfish, water acres</b>	1988	High	38,000	January 1, 2002
		Low	15,000	July 1, 1988

1/ Record estimates are for most current year, and may have been equaled in previous years.

2/ Prior to January 1, 1980, definition was milk cows and beef cows two years old and over.

3/ Estimates discontinued in 1978.

4/ Number placed during year.